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**Your Place in FIG**

**Serving Society;  
Benefitting People and the Planet**

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## 1. FIG: Serving People and Planet



**It is all about People!**

- **The 2030 Agenda:** agreed and united global policy to transform the social, economic and environmental **dimensions of humanity and our planet**

**FIG Work Plan agenda 2023- 2026:**

- The need for a sustainable profession that
  - delivers sustainable services
  - addresses the global sustainability 2030 agenda,
  - including acting now to address the Climate agenda

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# How: The Future We want to shape



## Sustainable and holistic development:

- People
- Partnership
- Peace
- Planet
- Prosperity

What does a Purposeful and relevant Survey profession look like... how we operate

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## 1. This Decade: Act on the Trends

The SDGs were the crowning global achievement of 2015 (and 2030 is close);

Land professionals act  
Globally; but deal in Local realities.  
Are we still relevant?  
Are we fit for the future?

If you want to understand the future, you need to start with the challenging five forces that are shaping our world.....

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## 'Tackling the Global Challenges'



The Future is here....

1. Climate action
  2. Technology and digital revolution
  3. Globalisation and communication
- + (Settlements and (Rapid) urbanisation)

Prof Gratton:  
[www.lyndagrutton.com](http://www.lyndagrutton.com)

**Society's needs (and benefits):**

4. Transformational **societal** changes and expectations
5. Profound changes in longevity and **demography**

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## Global Trends ....and a series of Crisis

- Faced with this magnitude of these changes,
  - How do we make sense of them? and
  - Are we able to do the very best we can over the coming decades?

- Mind the Gap:

Requires a

**Purposeful and evolutionary Shift**  
in How our profession operates, and  
How we maintain our relevance in society

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## It is all about People!



[www.pexels.com/](http://www.pexels.com/) Eberhard Grossgasteiger

What does relevance look like?

### Land professionals

- Are relevant to society for **Their** benefit
- **Bridge the gap** between high level strategy/ policy and actions on the ground
- Need to be recognised as a profession that is **trusted**, with high ethics and standards,

And

- Lead and contribute to sustainable development

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## 2. Opportunity....



“Beware of the Danger; but recognise the opportunity” JF Kennedy

- **FIG keeps our Eye on the ball:**
  - Maintaining our relevance
  - Contributing to sustainable development in all that we do,
  - and responding to climate change
- **FIG Purpose:** To ensure Members visibility and good standing in the eyes of the world and society...this is in our collective hands

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## Who and What: International Federation of Surveyors

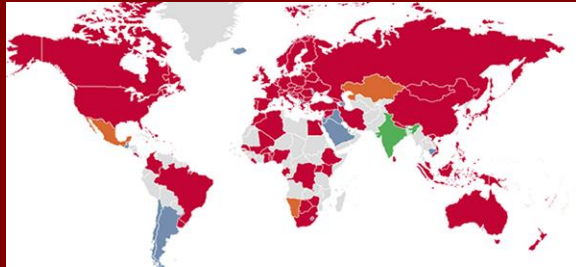


FIG:

- Members organisation (incl LISAG & GhIS)
- Comprising national associations, academics, and corporate members
- Drawing from over 120 countries
- Contribution: **Professional, Institutional & Global Development**

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## How: Depth of experience



Activity and outputs with Commissions:

1. Professional **standards & practice**
  2. Professional Education
  3. **Spatial information management**
  4. **Hydrography**
  5. Positioning and measurement
  6. Engineering surveys
  7. **Land management & cadastre**
  8. Spatial planning and **economic development**
  9. **Valuation** and real estate
  10. **Construction economics**
- .....and, **FIG Networks**

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## 3. The Future to Shape



### UN Habitat Sustainable development Agenda 2030:

- People
- Partnership
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Drawing from these 5P's.....

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## How: The Future We want to shape



## UN Habitat 2030 Sustainability Agenda

FIG Vision:

- **Serving Society, benefitting people and the planet**

FIG Theme:

- **Tackling the Global Challenges**  
(Trends and crisis)
- How? Ambitious plan:

to Shape and to Action.....

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## How: You & Your depth of experience Action:



Engagement, Collaboration, Activity and outputs, 'in our collective hands'.....

- Sustainability runs throughout our work plan
- Executed through the coordinated efforts of activities in
  - Council, Commission, Task Forces, Networks and our Permanent Institutions
  - **Thanks to You & Your engagement!**

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## 4. Workplan Aims

(FIG Task Forces are Pillars to focus and to unpack our Relevance & Societal benefit)

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# Pillar i: Planet



Sustainability aim is making sure:

- We make the best use of land and marine resources, and
- Our cities and settlements are resilient and adaptive
- Play a more prominent role in the climate agenda

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## Planet: FIG Task Force

### TF: 2030 Agenda & SDG's



- **Chair: Paula Dijkstra**
- **Critical Question;** Build the Knowledge, Network and Practice (Kadaster 2023)



### TF: Climate Compass:

- **Co Chairs: Roshni Sharma & Clarissa Augustinus**
- **Critical Question:** to change the conversation, deliver more impact; How we navigate the agenda to develop knowledge and bring about that change

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## Pillar ii: People

- Sustainability is about making sure we demonstrate Equity, Diversity & Inclusion, leaving no one (generation) behind in our profession.....
- And maintaining our societal relevance

Contribution professional and institutional development

- Supporting & Encouraging Members
- Professional skills and standards



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## People and Profession: Task Force



**TF: Evolutionary Diversity and inclusion in the Surveying Profession**

- **Chair: Stephen Djaba, FIG Hon**
- **Critical question:** Four generations in the work place; Gen X Y, Z and their work beliefs.  
Resilience= Attracting (young) Retaining (All)



**TF: Role in Trends and Geospatial Information Ecosystems**

**Chair: Abbas Rajabfard**

**Critical Question:** Improve our professional role in geospatial market: incl big data, IoT, AI,..

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## Pillar iii: Partnerships



Sustainability is about making sure that both internal and external partnerships are working effectively and cultivating stronger engagement



Our relationships;

- Effective (All) member engagement
- Building mutual benefit with external partners, and
- Providing Institutional capacity development

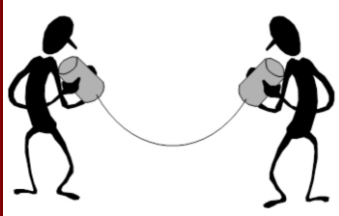


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## Pillar iv: Governance and Communication



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Sustainability is about making sure that FIG is organizationally effective and efficient. And that we are responsive and agile to changing economic trends

### Council Working Groups:

- Review the FIG *knowledge Base and infrastructure* to determine our policy and develop a strategy
- Produce a publication to mark FIG *150<sup>th</sup> anniversary*

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## FIG Working Weeks- Build on Pillars






- 2023 Orlando – Sustainability & Climate
  - Protecting our world Conquering New Frontiers
- **2024 Accra – Planet & Resources**
  - Building resilient environment
- 2025 Brisbane – Geospatial/ People
  - Collaboration, Innovation and Resilience: Championing a Digital Generation

And....,

- Congress - 2026 Cape Town

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## 2024 FIG WW – Planet & Resources & Youth






### FIG Working Week 2024

19-24 May **Accra, Ghana**

Your World, Our World: Resilient Environment and Sustainable Resource Management for All

- FIG & Local Organising (LOC)
- Steered by Presidents of LISAG & GhIS
- Co-conference Dir: LISAG & GhIS

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# The Future We want to shape

## In our collective hands



## Sustainable and holistic development

### Aims:

- People
- Planet
- Partnership
- Governance & Communication

### And, actively mindful of

- Peace
- Prosperity

**A Purposeful and Continuing Shift in how we operate**

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# Our Journey together is far reaching!



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# Thank You

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